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Applicant: Jodi R. Titus et al.

Examiner: David M. Purol

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December 18, 2003

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**Response to June 18, 2003 Office Action and
Request for 3-month Extension to Reply**

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Sir:

Applicants herewith petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademark to extend the time for reply to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003 to 3 months from September 18, 2003 to December 18, 2003.

Please charge the undersigned attorney's account No. 50-1434 in the amount of \$465.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above-identified deposit account.

Applicants have filed a continuing application (CPA) in lieu of a reply to the present Office Action. The CPA includes an Amendment and Reply responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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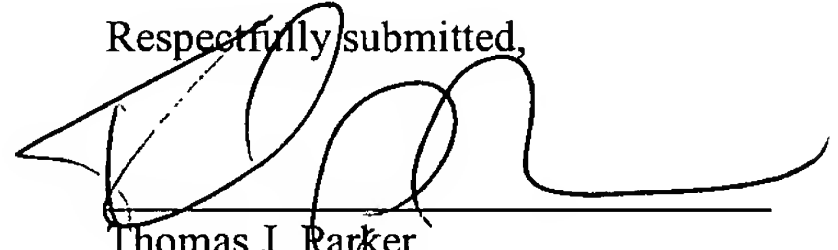
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Applicants hereby expressly abandon the present application upon the granting of the petition for the above extension of time and granting of a filing date to the continuing application.

Applicants note that on November 18, 2003, applicants submitted a paper entitled "Proposed Amendment and Response for Discussion Purposes Only." This paper was submitted in advance of a telephonic interview with Examiner Purol. The interview occurred on December 15, 2003. The proposed amendment was not entered into the application. Applicants request that the "Proposed Amendment" not be entered.

December 18, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas J. Parker', written over a horizontal line.

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